

Remarks

This paper remedies certain omissions which caused the Patent Office to reject Applicant's previously filed amendment dated January 16, 2004 as "Non-compliant," namely, proper status identifiers have been applied to the claims.

In addition, by this paper the claims have been amended to restrict the claimed invention to methods of making "*vehicle liners*" which term would include floor mats and cargo liners. It is believed that so restricting the claims obviates the applicability of the applied prior art of Wendt and Shimono, both of which relate to containers for food or drink.

Considering the foregoing, applicant believes that the amendment document filed on January 16, 2004 is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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This paper is intended to constitute a complete response to the outstanding Notice of Non-compliant Amendment. Please contact the undersigned if it appears that a portion of this response is missing or if there remain any additional matters to resolve. If the Examiner feels that processing of the application can be expedited in any respect by a personal conference, please consider this an invitation to contact the undersigned by phone.

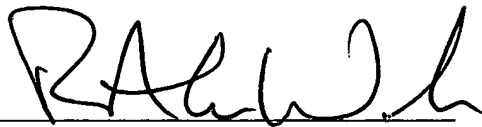
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